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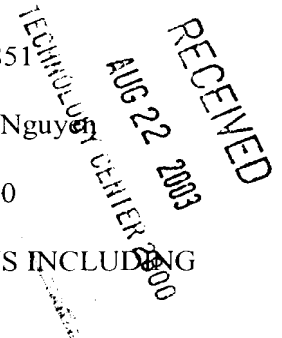
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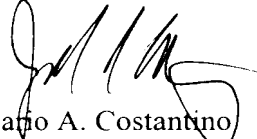
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4. A computer-generated English translation of the following Japanese Patent Publications have been obtained from the website of the Japanese Patent Office (<http://www.jpo.go.jp>), and are attached, but have not been reviewed for accuracy. See References 1 and 2.

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